



**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)**  
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended)**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (as amended)**

**Planning, Property & Economic Development Department**

**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION PURSUANT TO SECTION 231(3) OF THE**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) & ARTICLE 192 OF**  
**THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended) TO**  
**GRANT OUTDOOR EVENT LICENCE**

**OUTDOOR EVENT LICENCE REFERENCE NUMBER: OEL 05/2025**

To:

POD Festivals Limited  
19 Fitzwilliam Street Upper  
Dublin 2

**Applicant:** POD Festivals Limited

**Proposal:** Series of concerts and the Forbidden Fruit Festival within the grounds of the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin 8

**Proposed Events:** Music Festivals

**Artist(s):** Forbidden Fruit Festival – Various artists – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2025  
Forbidden Fruit Festival – Various artists – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2025  
In the Meadows Festival – Various artists – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

**Outdoor Event Licence Ref. Number:** OEL 05/2025

**Date of application:** 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2025

In accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), including Part 16 thereof, and the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), an Order of the A/Assistant Chief Executive of the Planning, Property & Economic Development Department of Dublin City Council, dated 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 accepted and adopted the

Report and Recommendation OEL 05/2025 dated 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025, from the Planning Enforcement Manager & Outdoor Event Licencing Officer and further ordered that an Outdoor Event Licence be granted for the reasons and considerations contained in the said Report and Recommendation and the reasons and considerations under and subject to the 20 conditions set out hereunder.

Accordingly, in accordance with the said Order of the A/Assistant Chief Executive of the Planning, Property & Economic Development Department of Dublin City Council and pursuant to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including section 231(3) thereof, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), including Part 16 and Article 192 thereof, Dublin City Council do hereby **GRANT** an **OUTDOOR EVENT LICENCE** to the aforesaid Applicant to hold a series of concerts in the 'Forbidden Fruit' Festival and 'in the Meadows' Festival to take place within the grounds of Royal Hospital Kilmainham on the dates 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 1<sup>st</sup> of June and 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the following conditions:

1. The plans, proposals and particulars submitted as part of the Licence application shall be complied with, and in particular the Event Management Plan received on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, other than where required by the amendments/additions outlined below.

*Reason: in the interests of proper event planning and safety.*

2. This Licence application approval permits inter alia 3 concert/ festival dates, namely the Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> of May, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of June and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

*Reason: to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the event is to take place.*

3. The music curfew associated with these events is 22.45 hrs.

*Reason: in the interest of clarity.*

4. The approved events shall be conducted in compliance with the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Concerts (Department of Education 1996) where practicable.

*Reason: in the interests of proper event planning and safety.*

5. Accreditation shall be made available to the local authority and the prescribed bodies, namely An Garda Síochána and the HSE a minimum of 48hrs prior to each event day.

*Reason: in the interests of proper event planning.*

6. A final event management plan shall be submitted to Dublin City Council and circulated to all parties electronically as early as possible prior to the events but no later than 21 days prior to the first event taking place. This plan should include a detailed final production schedule, a detailed entrancing plan, a final security deployment plan, an integrated traffic management plan and also the final agreed medical plan.

*Reason: in the interests of proper event planning and safety.*

7. A detailed stewarding/security plan (including internal and external) shall be submitted as part of the final event management plan. This plan should outline details of the companies engaged, the personnel numbers, their specific roles, external barrier and fencing configurations and external traffic and pedestrian management arrangements both on entry and egress.

*Reason: To ensure the proper safety of attendees and to ensure road safety in the external areas where patrons will be arriving to, queueing and subsequently exiting.*

8. The requirements of An Garda Síochána in connection with these events shall be complied insofar as is practical, including a requirement to make a contribution towards the reasonable costs of An Garda Síochána associated with these events and the provision and agreement of a finalised integrated traffic management /pedestrian management plan.

*Reason: in the interest of the maintenance of public order, securing the safety of persons at the place in connection with the events and to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the events are to take place.*

9. All bars must close by 22:00hrs each night. Drinks can only be dispensed in plastic/paper cups, pre-opened plastic bottles or pre-opened cans. Appropriate stewarding and checks must be in place at all times to ensure that no underage person is sold or is consuming alcohol on the event site. Signage must be in situ to clearly indicate this condition. No alcohol may be carried in or out of the event site by patrons.



*Reason: in the interest of securing the safety of persons at the place in connection with the event and to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the events are to take place.*

10. The specific requirements of the Emergency Planning Office and the Ambulance Service of the HSE in connection with this event shall be complied with, including the requirements to agree and provide a final fully integrated event medical plan. The applicants appointed Medical Officer/Coordinator shall liaise directly with the HSE to resolve any further issues relating to medical provision for this event.

*Reason: to ensure the provision of adequate facilities for health and welfare at the events.*

11. The requirements of the Environmental Health Section of Dublin City Council in relation to sanitary accommodation, drinking water, signage and stewarding associated with the events shall be complied with in full.

*Reason: to ensure the provision of adequate facilities for health and welfare and to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the events are to take place.*

12. The requirements in relation to noise control and monitoring shall be adhered to, unless any variation is agreed, in writing, with Dublin City Council. These requirements are as follows,
  - The control limits set at the mixer position shall be adequate to ensure that the music noise level shall not, at any noise sensitive premises, exceed LAeq 75 dB over a 15 minute period throughout any rehearsals or sound checks for the events.
  - A suitably qualified and experienced noise control consultant shall be appointed to the approval of Dublin City Council. The noise control consultant shall liaise between the promoter and the sound engineer on all matters relating to noise control prior to and during the events. The appointed noise control consultant shall continually monitor noise levels at the sound mixer position and advise the sound engineer accordingly to ensure that the noise limits are not exceeded
  - The control limits set at the mixer position shall be adequate to ensure that the music noise level shall not at any noise sensitive premises exceed LAeq 75 dB over a 15 minute period throughout the duration of the events.
  - The monitoring results must be forwarded to Dublin City Council within 3 working days after the event(s)

The applicant shall have regard to state exams when carrying out any sound checks or rehearsals. Rehearsals/sound checks associated with each event date shall not exceed a cumulative total of 3 hours per day and are only permitted between the hours of 10am to 9pm.

*Reason: to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the event is to take place.*

13. The requirements of the Building Control Section of Dublin City Council in connection with the approved events are to be complied with, including a requirement that all temporary structures must be certified by an experienced Chartered Structural Engineer post construction and prior to use. All electrical installations associated with the events must also be certified by an experienced suitably qualified electrical expert. The relevant structural/safety/electrical certificates should be e-mailed to [pat.nestor@dublincity.ie](mailto:pat.nestor@dublincity.ie) and [john.downey@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.downey@dublincity.ie) post certification and prior to the events commencing.

Any funfair equipment associated with these events must be provided in accordance with the Planning and Development (Certification of Fairground Equipment) Regulations, 2003 (as amended) with appropriate notifications submitted to Dublin City Council Building Control Section. The relevant safety certificates and notifications may be e-mailed to [buildingcontrol@dublincity.ie](mailto:buildingcontrol@dublincity.ie) and copied to [john.downey@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.downey@dublincity.ie).

*Reason: in the interests of general safety at the events.*

14. All reasonable and practicable efforts shall be made to ensure the events are inclusive and accessible to all people, particularly disabled persons.

*Reason: in the interests of securing the safety and appropriate accessibility to all persons at the events.*

15. The requirements of Dublin Fire Brigade in connection with these events shall be complied with.

*Reason: in the interests of public safety.*

16. The applicant shall continue to liaise with the NTA, Irish Rail, Transdev/Luas and Bus service providers in respect of these events. Private Bus drop off and pick up locations shall be agreed with the NTA, An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council. Communications shall be sent to the private bus operators dropping off and picking up relating to any road closures that may affect their pick up location post show, and the required time they need to be back to the pickup location so as to avoid being left outside the road closure area.

*Reason: to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the events are to take place and to ensure adequate means of transport to and from the events.*

17. Dublin City Council requires that the following locations and any other required areas be monitored and cleaned during the course of the events: from Military Road to St. John's Road West, left on to South Circular Road, left on to Kilmainham Lane and associates side Roads and right to Military Road. Particular attention paid to outside of Public Houses in the vicinity of RHK, at any checkpoints and the outside of the Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham Jail and the area to the front of the Old Chocolate Factory Apartments from 15.00hrs to 23.00hrs each event day and then a full clean to take place overnight and be completed by 7 am each day. The Cleaning Contractor shall take photos of Kilmainham Lane after the events and the early morning sweep (06:00 - 07:00hrs) and forward to [james.cosgrove@dublincity.ie](mailto:james.cosgrove@dublincity.ie) and cc [bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie](mailto:bernie.lillis@dublincity.ie)

*Reason: to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood, in the interest of proper planning and minimisation of environmental concerns.*

18. Local businesses, residents, building sites and hospitals in the vicinity of the event location shall be notified of the relevant event details, road closures, parking restrictions and any other likely disruption associated with each event date granted under this licence a minimum 14 days in advance of the commencement of the first event. In this regard an information letter should be circulated to local residents and businesses adjacent to the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, outlining the above info, and also including a contact number and an e-mail address that residents/local businesses can contact if they wish to make a complaint or raise any issue relating to the events. The numbers/email must be in service and have somebody from the event organiser's staff in a position to answer them from production load in, to final production load out during hours of work, sound testing and show days.

*Reason: In the interest of proper planning and to minimise disruption in the areas that the events are due to take place.*

19. A copy of the public liability insurance cover associated with the approved events shall be submitted to Dublin City Council Planning, Property & Economic Development Department by e-mail a minimum of 14 days prior to the first event.

*Reason: to ensure the maintenance of public liability insurance in association with the events.*



20. If, due to exceptional circumstances, the events have to be postponed at short notice, the applicants may hold the events on a new date only with the prior written approval of Dublin City Council, the Health Service Executive and An Garda Síochána.

*Reason: to ensure the safety of participants, workers, spectators and general public.*



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**Planning, Property & Economic Development Department**  
**Dublin City Council**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025**